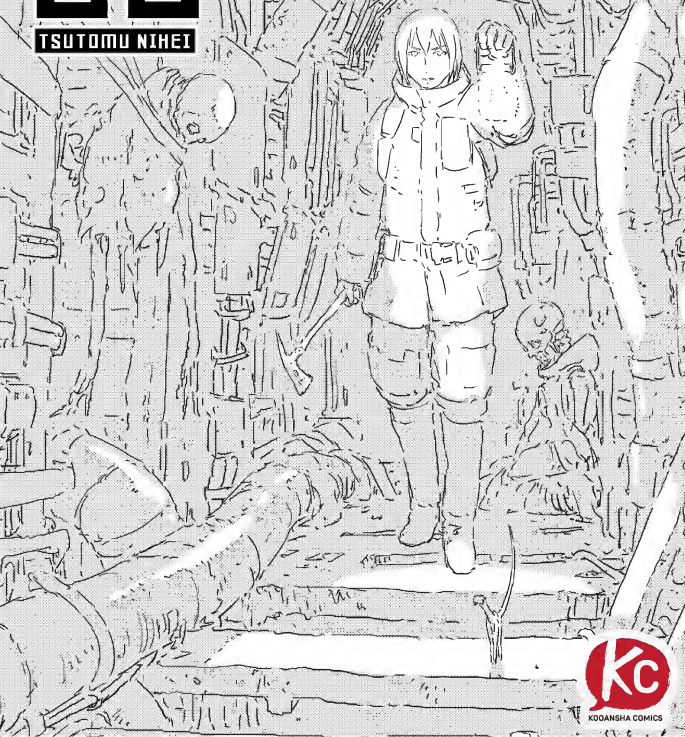


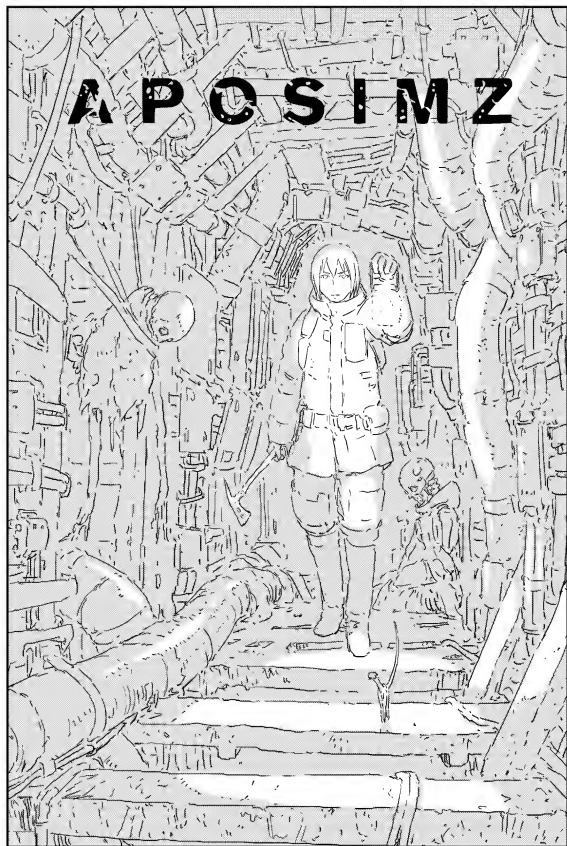
APOSIMZ

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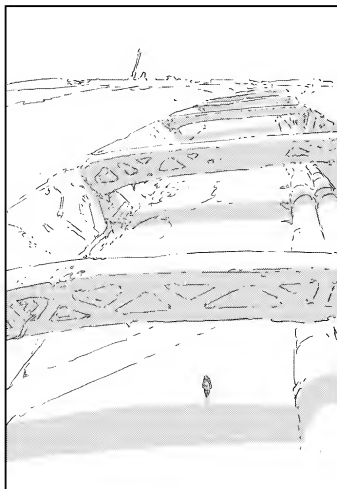
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ETHEROW WALKS ALONE ACROSS A FROZEN WASTELAND.

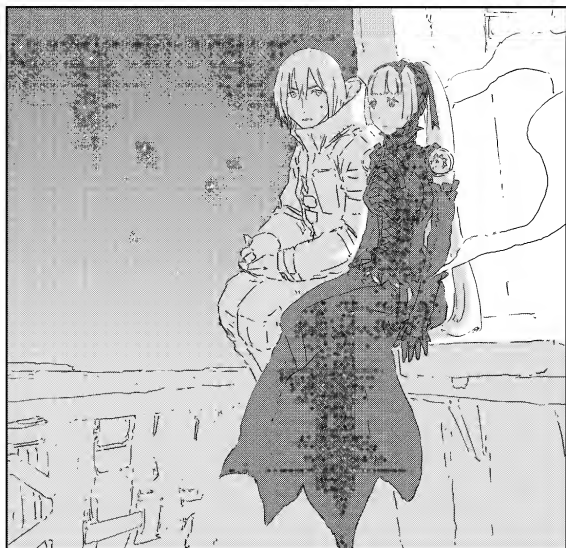


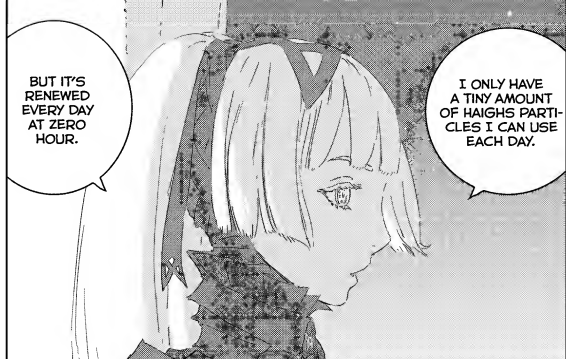
THIS COMIC IS A WORK OF FICTION. ALL CHARACTERS, ORGANIZATIONS, PLACES, AND COUNTRIES ARE UNRELATED TO ACTUAL ENTITIES.

ONCE WE'RE
ONBOARD, WE CAN
REACH THE NORTH-
ERN COMPOSITE
SLAB REGION IN
A FEW DAYS.

AT THIS RATE
WE SHOULD REACH
THE PLACE WITH
THE TRACK CARS
BY TOMORROW.

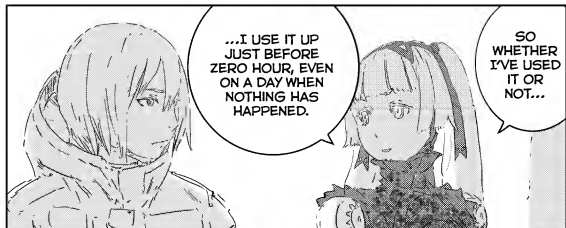






BUT IT'S
RENEWED
EVERY DAY
AT ZERO
HOUR.

I ONLY HAVE
A TINY AMOUNT
OF HAIGHS PARTI-
CLES I CAN USE
EACH DAY.



...I USE IT UP
JUST BEFORE
ZERO HOUR, EVEN
ON A DAY WHEN
NOTHING HAS
HAPPENED.

SO
WHETHER
I'VE USED
IT OR
NOT...



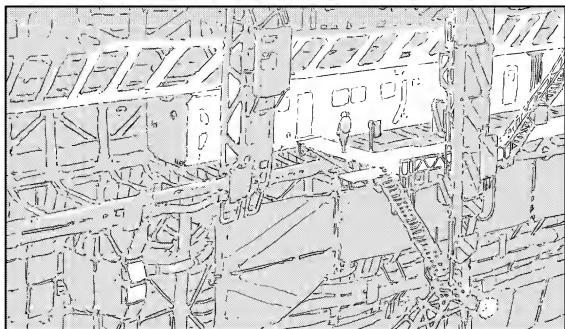
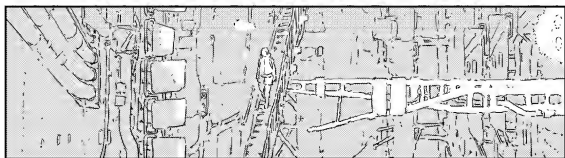
HEH HEH!
PRETTY
GOOD!

THEN,
HOW
ABOUT
THIS?

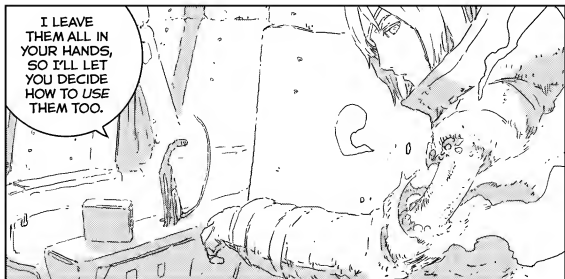
K"
K"
Hrzz

THERE MAY
HAVE BEEN SOME
MALFUNCTION DURING
YOUR TRANSFORMA-
TION STAGE. IT'LL BE
CONSPICUOUS WHEN
WE'RE AROUND
PEOPLE.

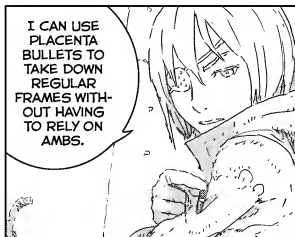
ACTUALLY,
ETHEROW...
YOUR RIGHT
EYE HAS
STAYED
IN FRAME
FORM.







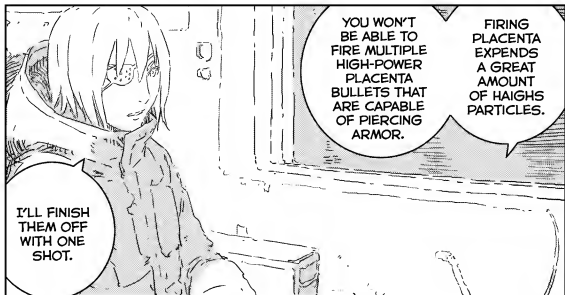
I LEAVE
THEM ALL IN
YOUR HANDS,
SO I'LL LET
YOU DECIDE
HOW TO USE
THEM TOO.



I CAN USE
PLACENTA
BULLETS TO
TAKE DOWN
REGULAR
FRAMES WITH-
OUT HAVING
TO RELY ON
AMBS.



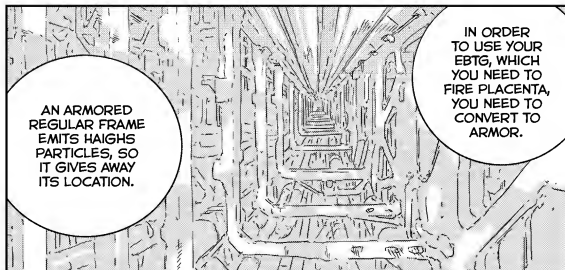
BUT, NEVER
FORGET THAT
WE ONLY HAVE
SEVEN OF
THEM.



I'LL FINISH
THEM OFF
WITH ONE
SHOT.

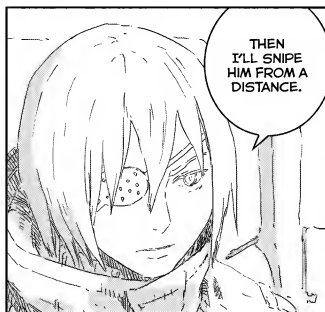
YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO
FIRE MULTIPLE
HIGH-POWER
PLACENTA
BULLETS THAT
ARE CAPABLE
OF PIERCING
ARMOR.

FIRING
PLACENTA
EXPENDS
A GREAT
AMOUNT
OF HAIGHS
PARTICLES.



AN ARMORED
REGULAR FRAME
EMITS HAIGHS
PARTICLES, SO
IT GIVES AWAY
ITS LOCATION.

IN ORDER
TO USE YOUR
EBTG, WHICH
YOU NEED TO
FIRE PLACENTA,
YOU NEED TO
CONVERT TO
ARMOR.



THEN
I'LL SNIPE
HIM FROM A
DISTANCE.



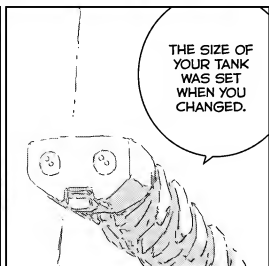
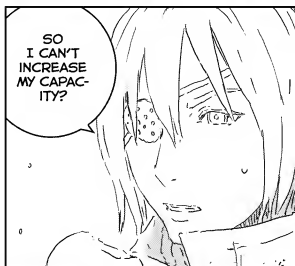
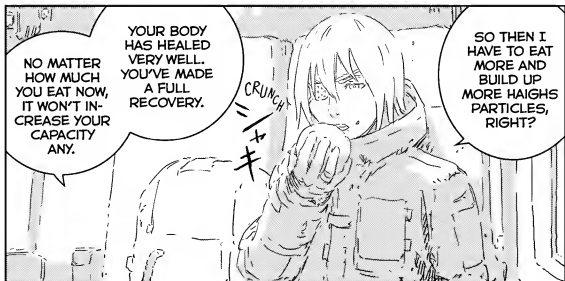
IT WILL
BE DIFFICULT
TO HIT HIM BY
SURPRISE LIKE
BEFORE.

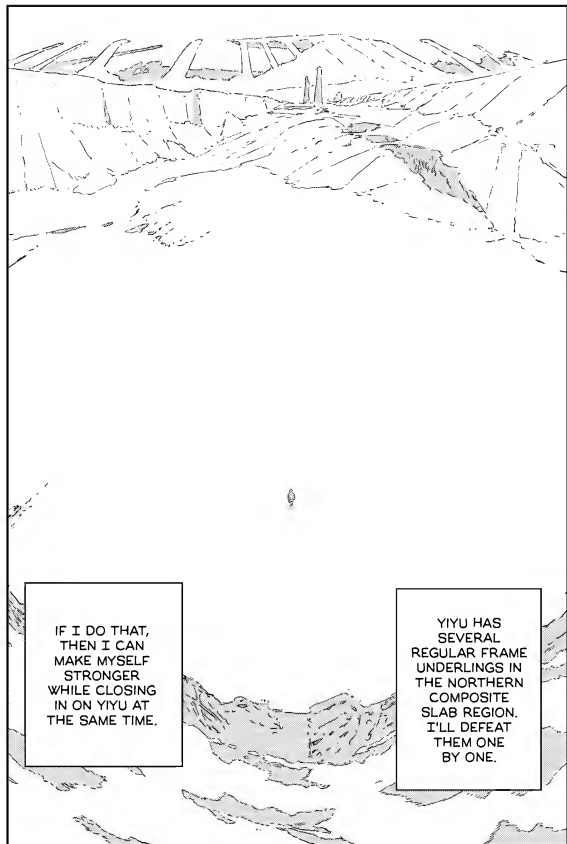
YIYU IS
CERTAIN
TO COME
UP WITH COUNTER-
MEASURES.



AT YOUR
CURRENT
HAIGHS PARTICLE
CAPACITY, YOU
WON'T BE ABLE
TO FIRE FROM A
POSITION WHERE
YOU WON'T BE
DETECTED.

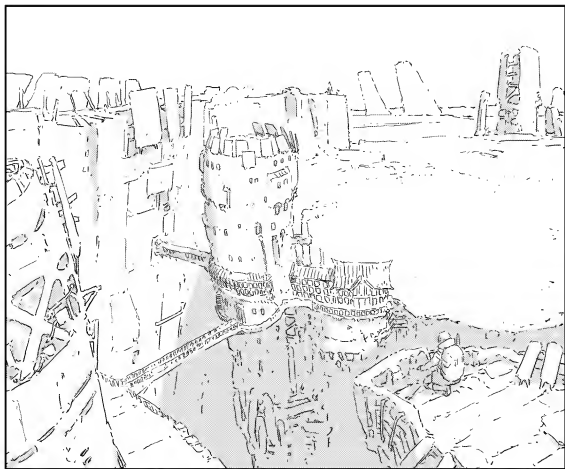
FIRING FROM
A DISTANCE
REQUIRES AN
EVEN GREATER
EXPENDITURE
OF HAIGHS
PARTICLES.





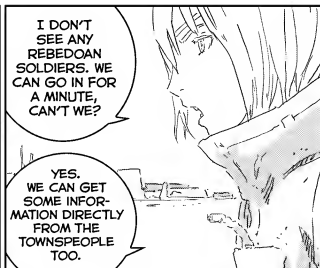
IF I DO THAT,
THEN I CAN
MAKE MYSELF
STRONGER
WHILE CLOSING
IN ON YIYU AT
THE SAME TIME.

YIYU HAS
SEVERAL
REGULAR FRAME
UNDERLINGS IN
THE NORTHERN
COMPOSITE
SLAB REGION.
I'LL DEFEAT
THEM ONE
BY ONE.



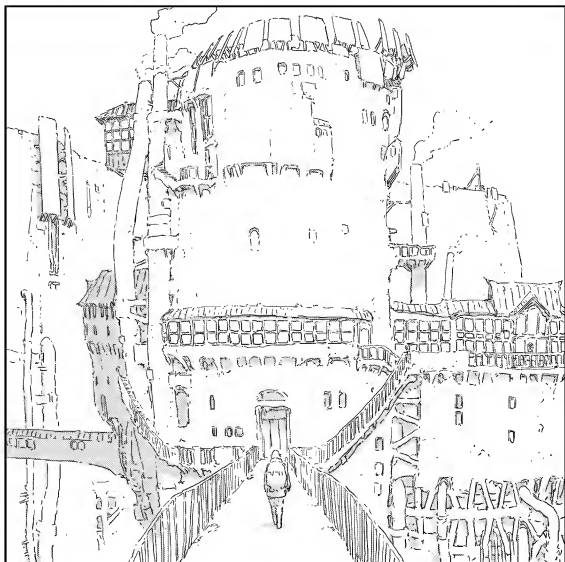


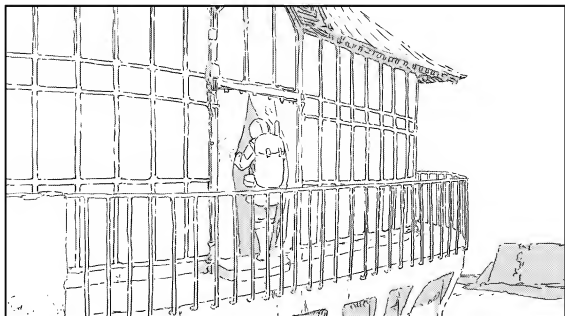
ETHEROW,
PUT ON YOUR
MASK OR
THEY'LL KNOW
YOU'RE A
FRAME.

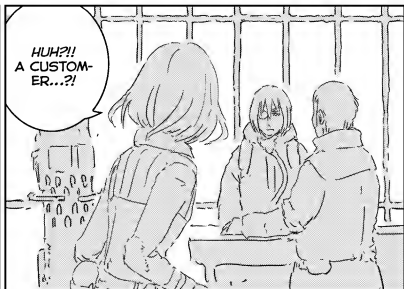
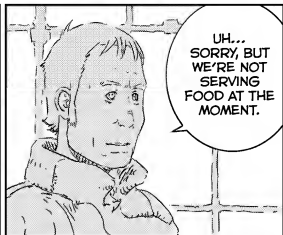
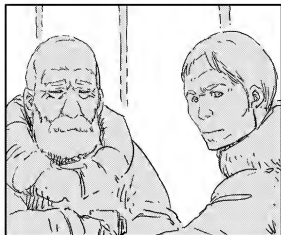


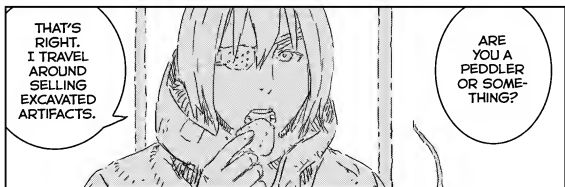
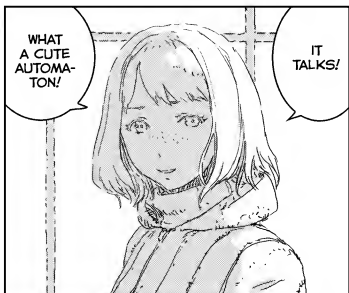
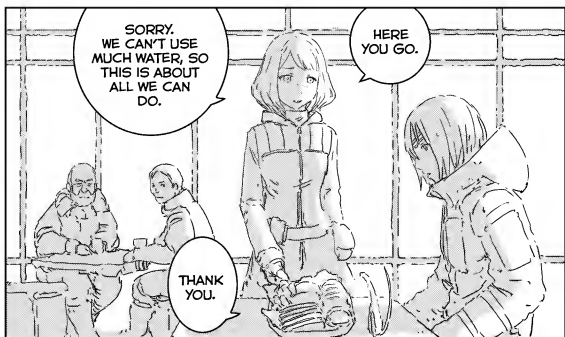
I DON'T
SEE ANY
REBEDOAN
SOLDIERS. WE
CAN GO IN FOR
A MINUTE,
CAN'T WE?

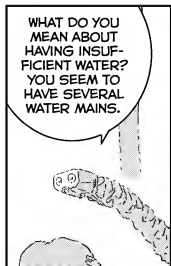
YES.
WE CAN GET
SOME INFOR-
MATION DIRECTLY
FROM THE
TOWNSPEOPLE
TOO.











WHAT DO YOU
MEAN ABOUT
HAVING INSUF-
FICIENT WATER?
YOU SEEM TO
HAVE SEVERAL
WATER MAINS.



HEY, AREN'T
YOU EATING
A BIT TOO
MUCH...?

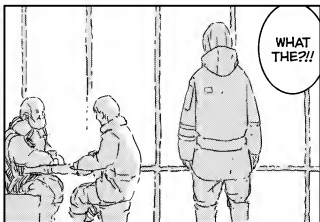


AND IF
WE DON'T
PRODUCE
ENOUGH,
SOME OF US
END UP LIKE
THEM.

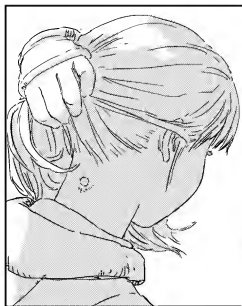
IT'S
REBEDOA.
THEY TAKE IT
ALL AWAY.



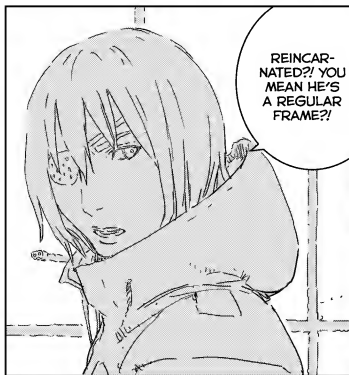
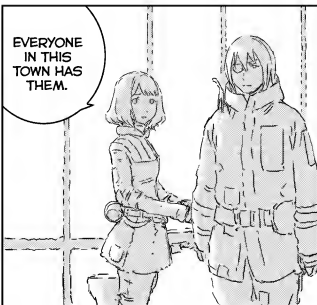
EXPLOSIVE
SCREWS...



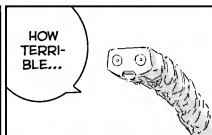
WHAT
THE?!!



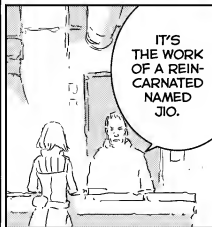
EVERYONE
IN THIS
TOWN HAS
THEM.



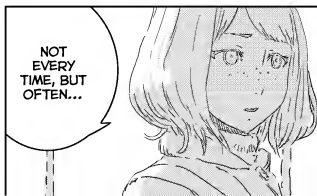
REINCAR-
NATED?! YOU
MEAN HE'S
A REGULAR
FRAME?!



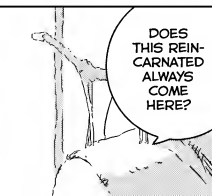
HOW
TERRI-
BLE...



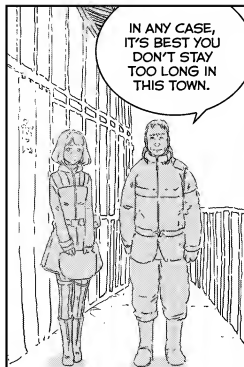
IT'S
THE WORK
OF A REIN-
CARNATED
NAMED
JIO.



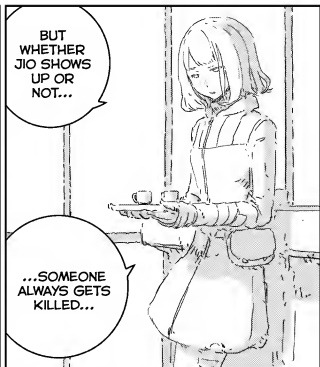
NOT
EVERY
TIME, BUT
OFTEN...



DOES
THIS REIN-
CARNATED
ALWAYS
COME
HERE?

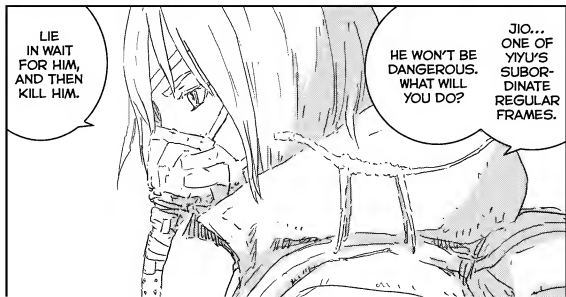


IN ANY CASE,
IT'S BEST YOU
DON'T STAY
TOO LONG IN
THIS TOWN.



BUT
WHETHER
JIO SHOWS
UP OR
NOT...

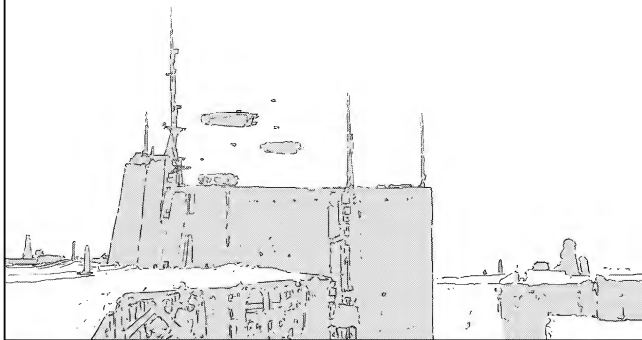
...SOMEONE
ALWAYS GETS
KILLED...



LIE
IN WAIT
FOR HIM,
AND THEN
KILL HIM.

HE WON'T BE
DANGEROUS.
WHAT WILL
YOU DO?

JIO...
ONE OF
YIU'S
SUBOR-
DINATE
REGULAR
FRAMES.

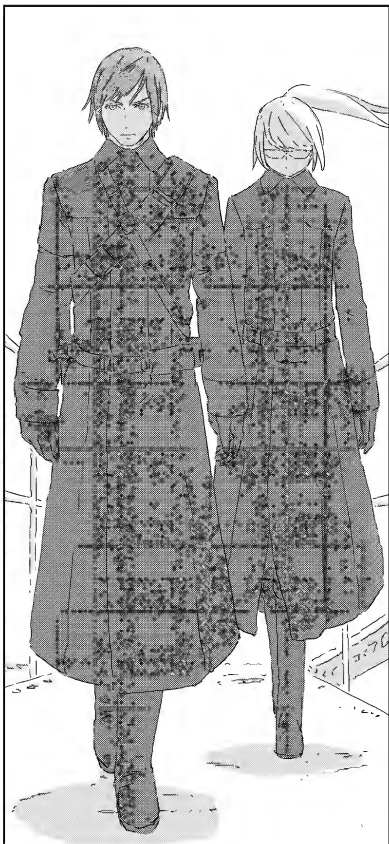


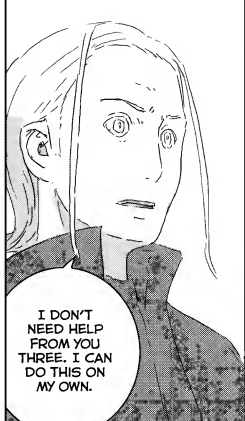
WHAT'S
THE MEANING
OF THREE ADDI-
TIONAL TOP LEVEL
REINCARNATEDS
BEING SENT TO
A BACKWATER
LIKE THIS?

FYUMA.

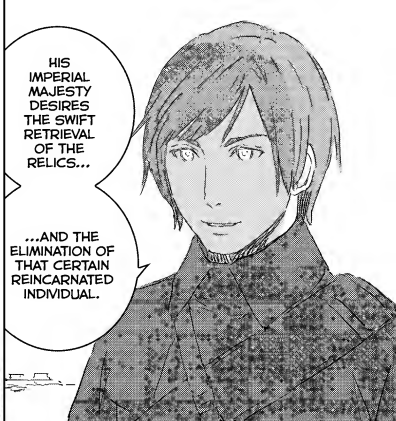
IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
YUYU.

APOSIMZ





I DON'T
NEED HELP
FROM YOU
THREE. I CAN
DO THIS ON
MY OWN.

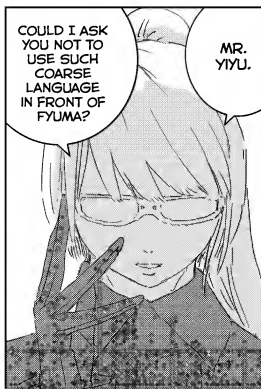


HIS
IMPERIAL
MAJESTY
DESIRES
THE SWIFT
RETRIEVAL
OF THE
RELICS...

...AND THE
ELIMINATION OF
THAT CERTAIN
REINCARNATED
INDIVIDUAL.

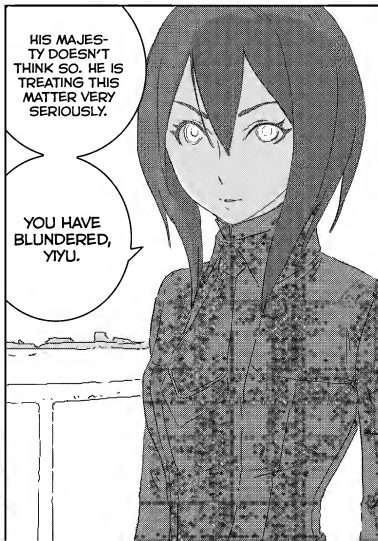


SHUT UP,
YOU ROTTEN
MACHINE
SAP LEAK!



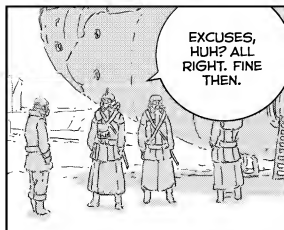
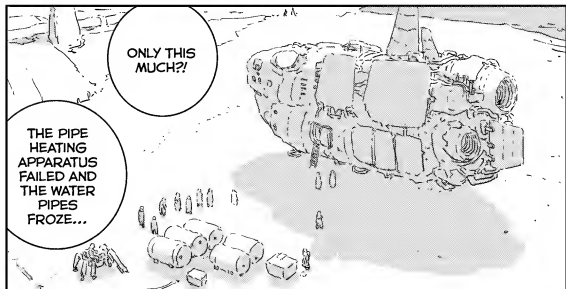
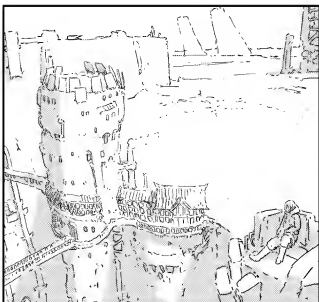
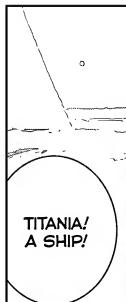
COULD I ASK
YOU NOT TO
USE SUCH
COARSE
LANGUAGE
IN FRONT OF
FYUMA?

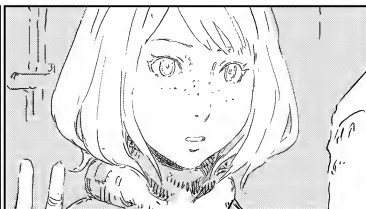
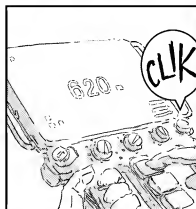
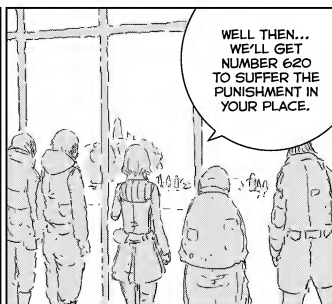
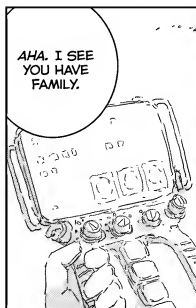
MR.
YIYU.

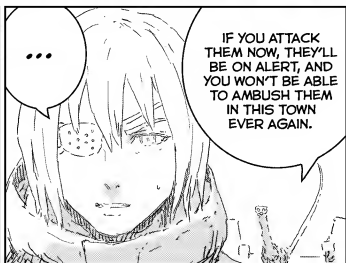
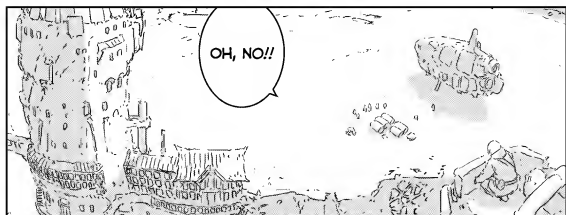
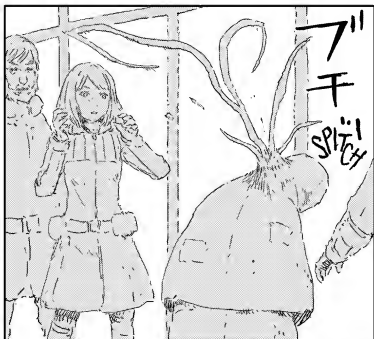
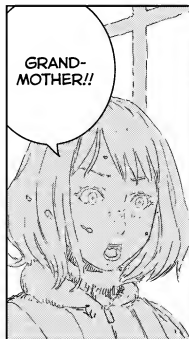


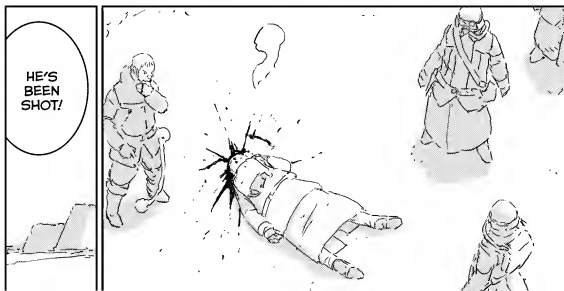
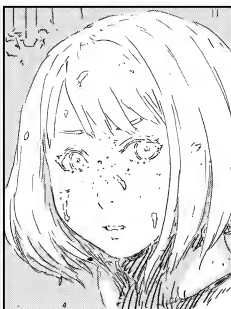
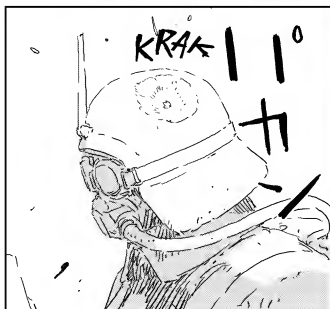
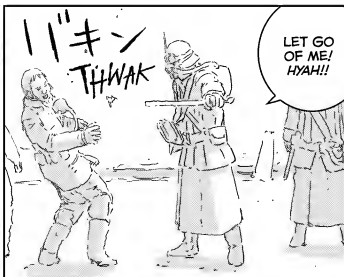
HIS MAJES-
TY DOESN'T
THINK SO. HE IS
TREATING THIS
MATTER VERY
SERIOUSLY.

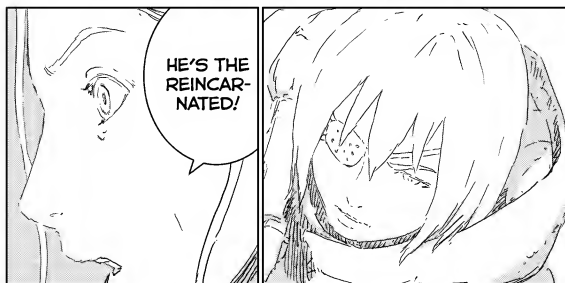
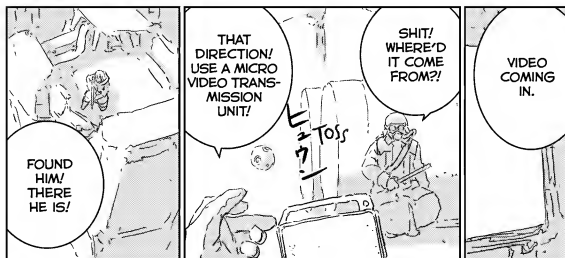
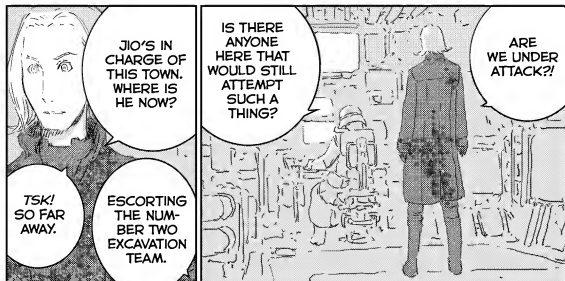
YOU HAVE
BLUNDERED,
YIYU.

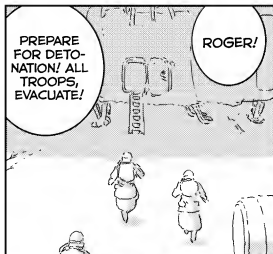












PREPARE
FOR DETO-
NATION! ALL
TROOPS,
EVACUATE!

ROGER!



IF WE DO
IT RIGHT, WE'LL
BE ABLE TO
IMMOBILIZE THAT
REINCARNATED
FOR A TIME.

BLOW UP
THE TOWN
WITH THE
SELF-
DESTRUCT
MECHA-
NISM!



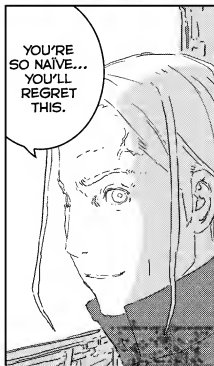
WE'VE
ALREADY
TAKEN
CARE OF
IT.



THERE'S
NO TIME.
STAY OUT
OF MY WAY,
FYUMA.



WAIT!

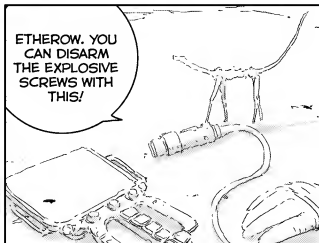
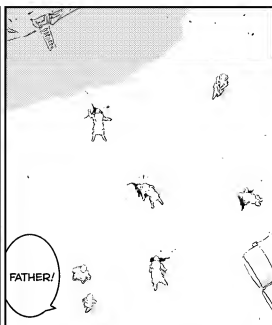
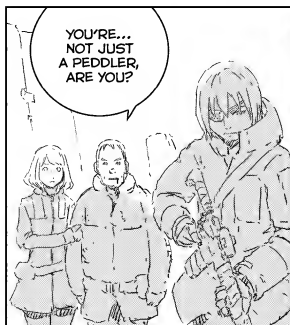


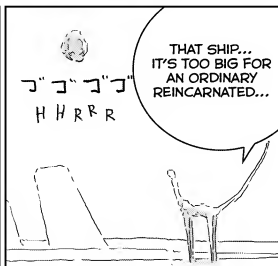
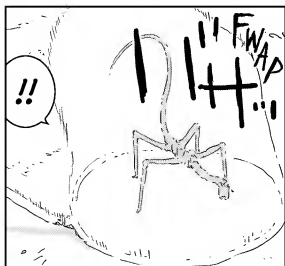
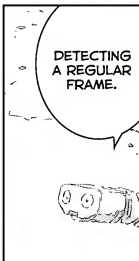
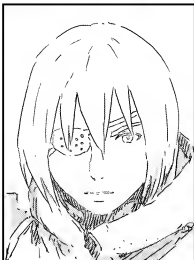
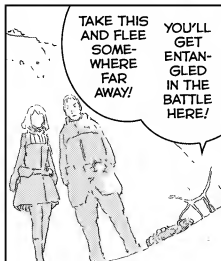
YOU'RE
SO NAÏVE...
YOU'LL
REGRET
THIS.

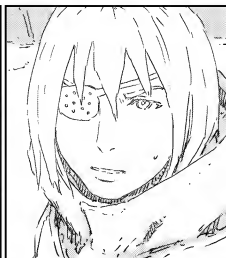
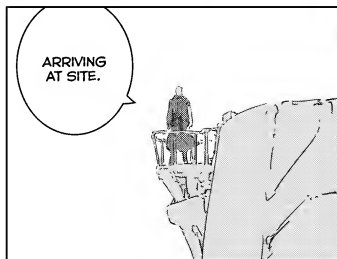
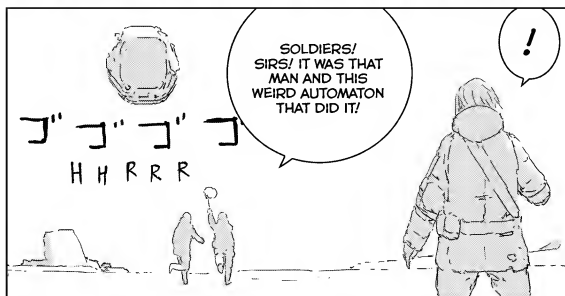


THE
SLAUGHTER
OF NONCOM-
BATANTS IS
INEXCUS-
ABLE.

WE ARE
FIGHTING TO
LIBERATE HUMAN-
ITY FROM THE
CENTRAL
CONTROL
LEVEL.







E-
ETHEROW,
BE CARE...
FUL...

EICHI-
HE'S A
TOP LEVEL
REINCAR-
NATED!!

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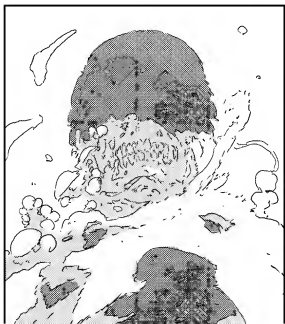
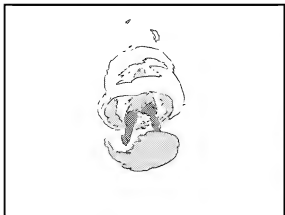
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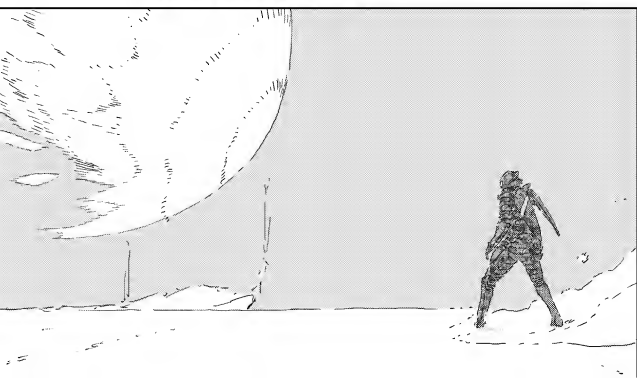
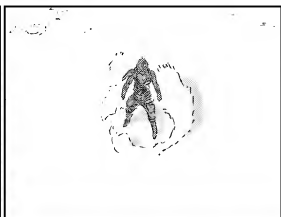
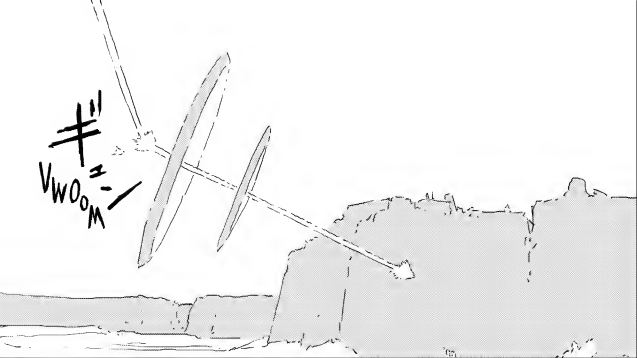
I THINK WE CAN GO HOME SOONER THAN EXPECTED, FYUMA.

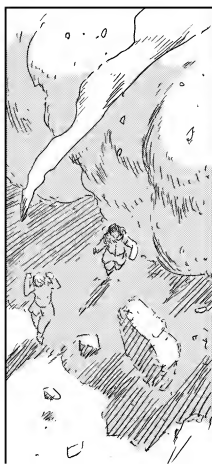


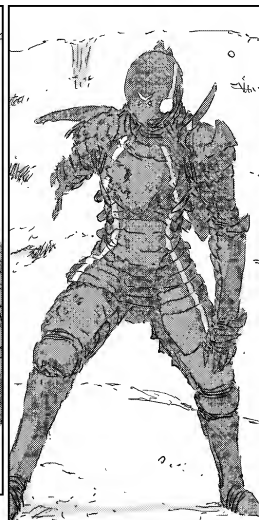
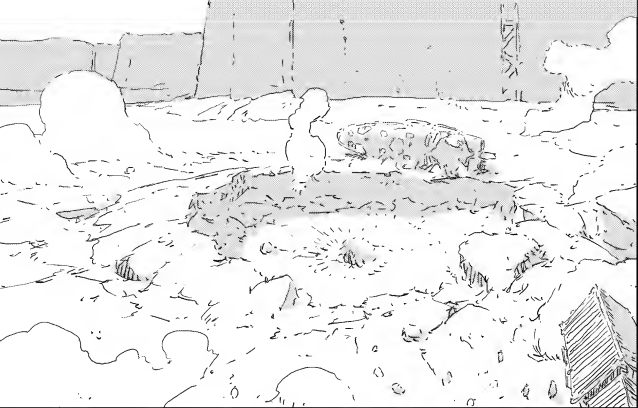
WHAT A
COINCIDENCE
THAT I HAPPENED
TO BE PASSING
BY. SUCH
LUCK!

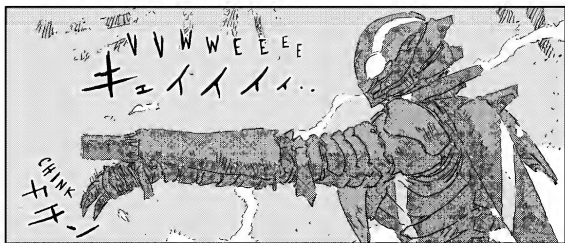
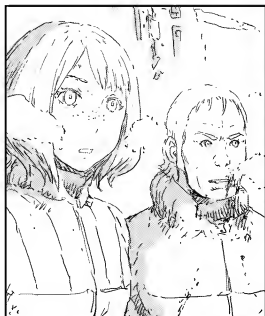


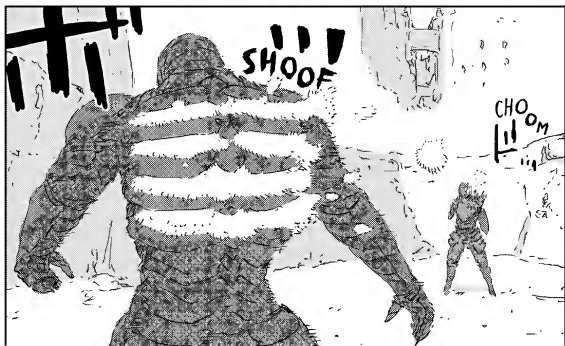
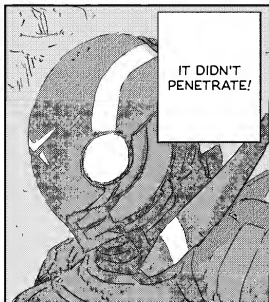
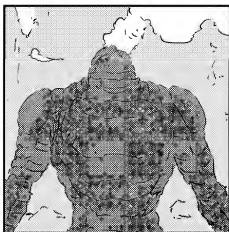
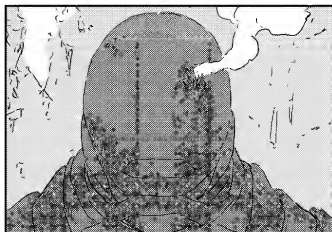










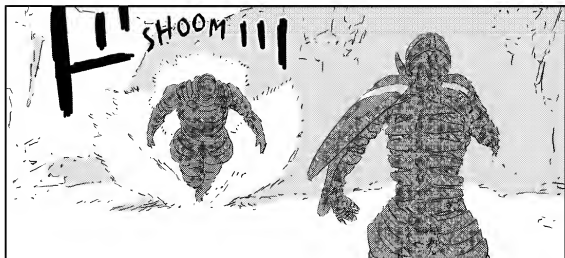
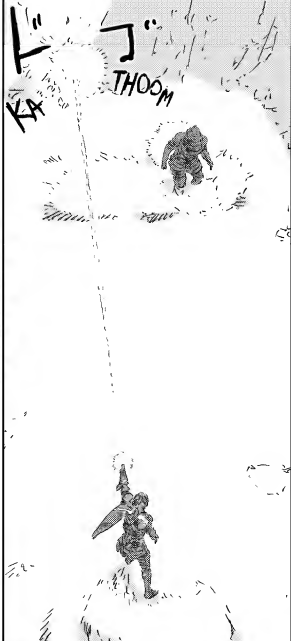


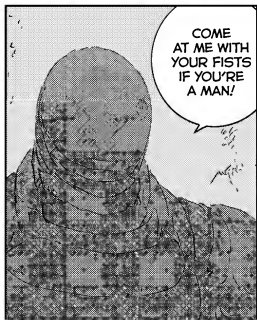
DOES THIS
GUY HAVE
THAT MUCH
PLACENTA
THAT HE CAN
USE IT LIKE
THAT?!

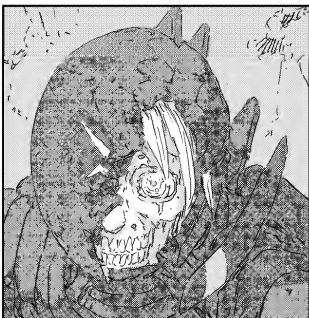
HE DODGED
IT! HE JETTED
SOME PLACENTA
AND MOVED AT
HIGH SPEED!

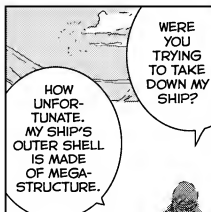
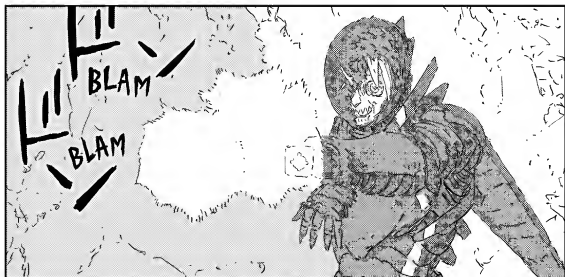


YOU GAVE
YIYU A HARD
TIME?





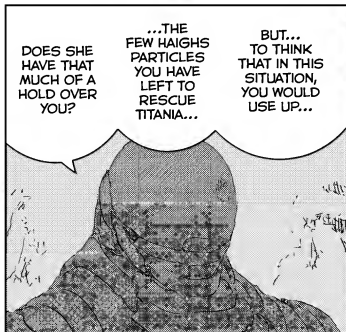




WERE YOU TRYING TO TAKE DOWN MY SHIP?

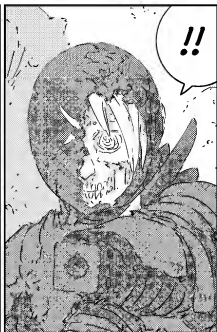


THM THM MF

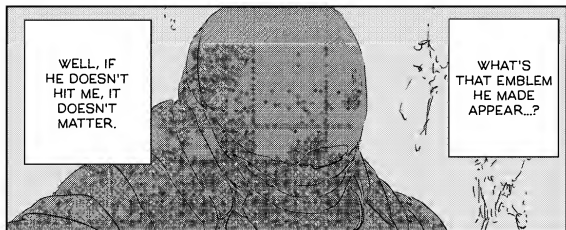
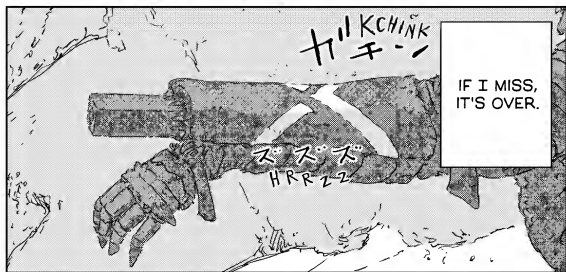
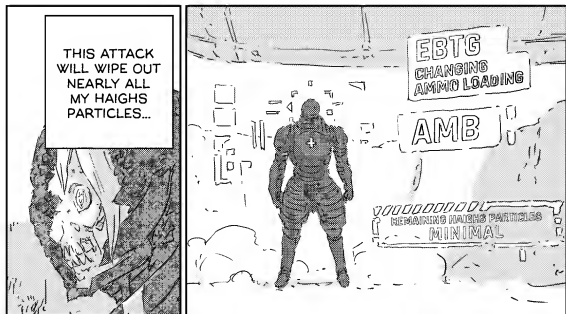


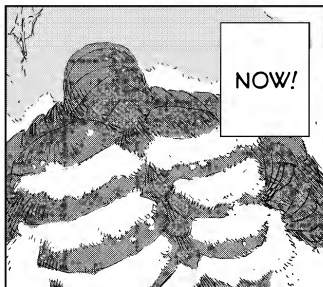
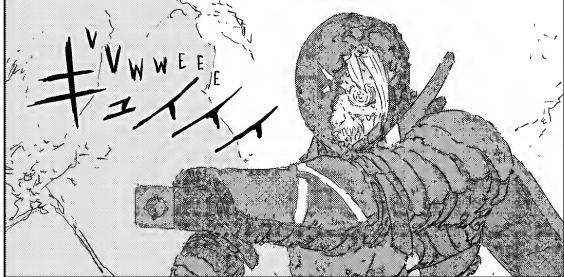
...THE FEW HAIGHS PARTICLES YOU HAVE LEFT TO RESCUE TITANIA...

BUT... TO THINK THAT IN THIS SITUATION, YOU WOULD USE UP...

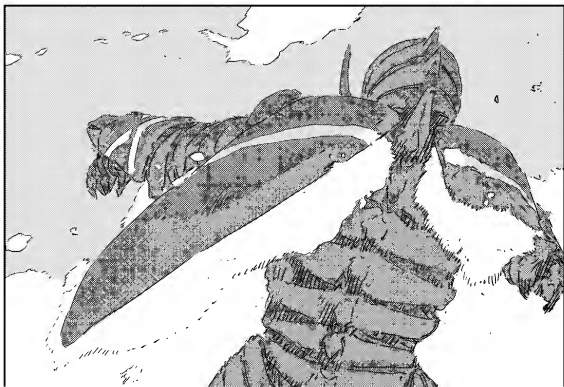


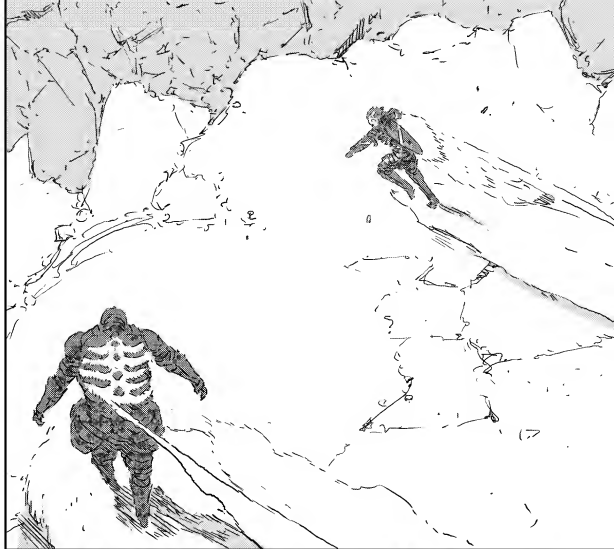
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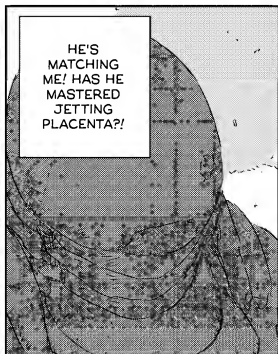


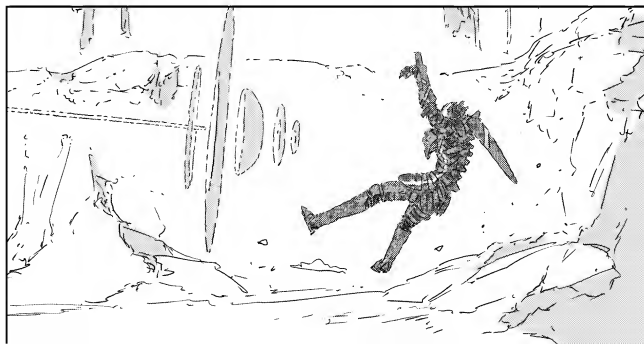
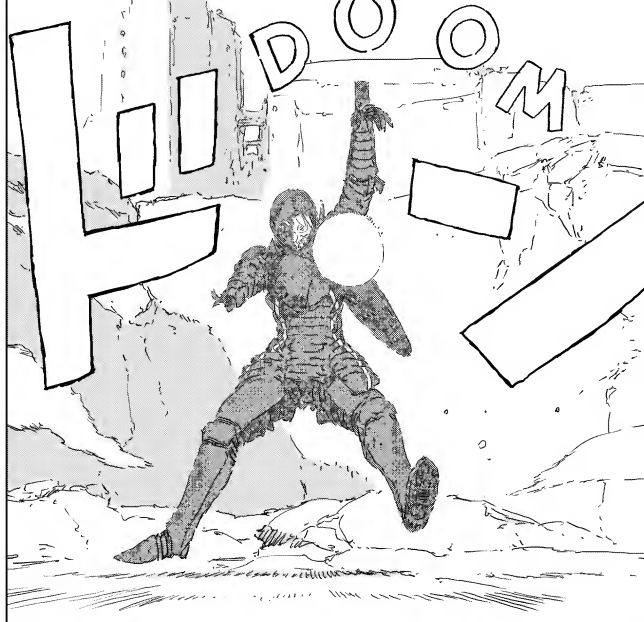
JUST BEFORE
HE FIRES,
THE
COLOR WILL
CHANGE FOR
A MOMENT.

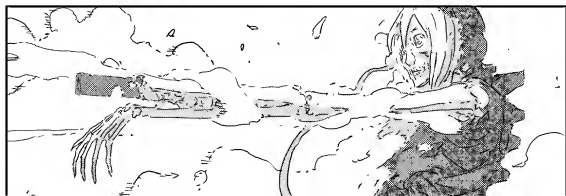
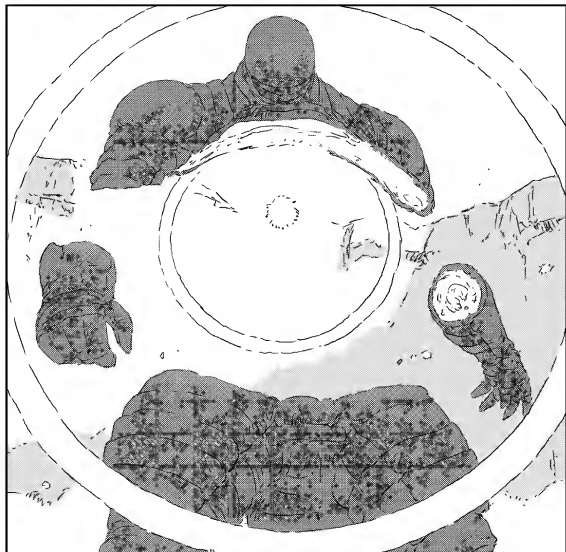


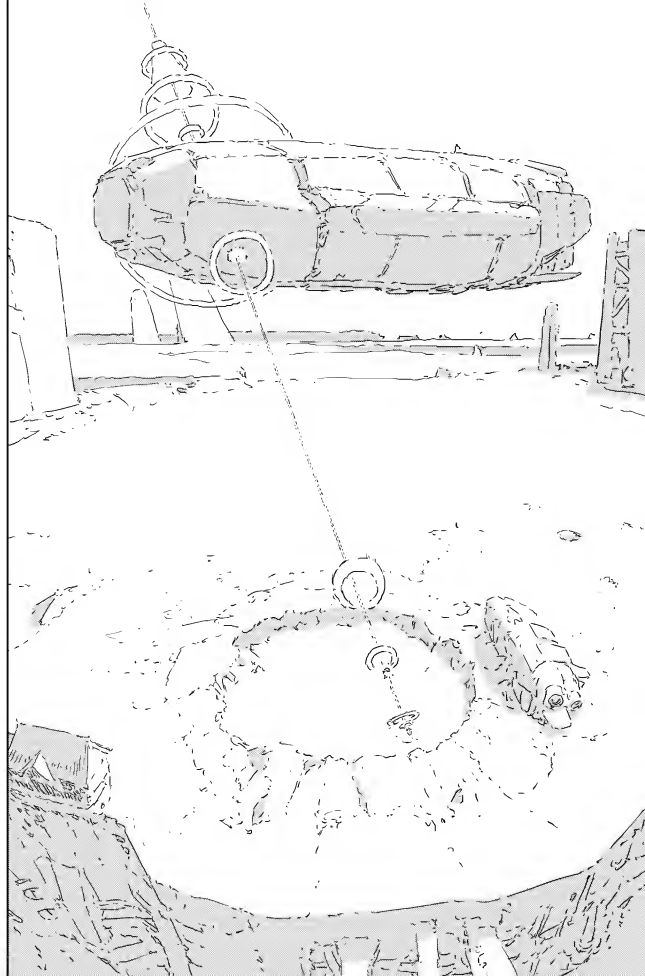


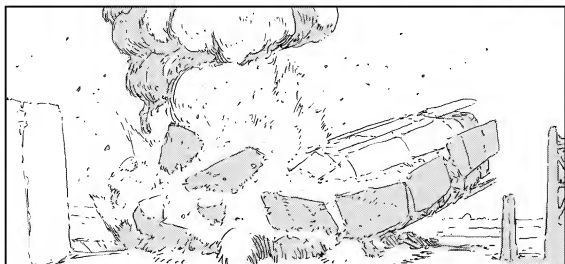
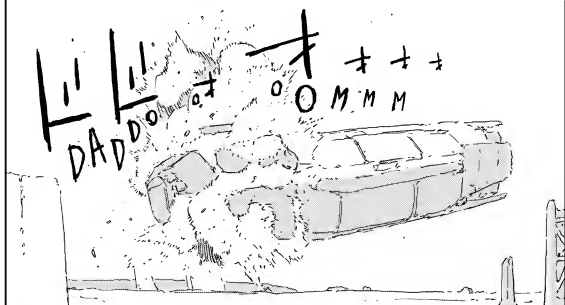
HE'S
MATCHING
ME! HAS HE
MASTERED
JETTING
PLACENTA?!

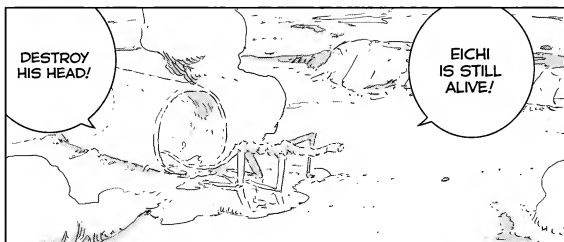


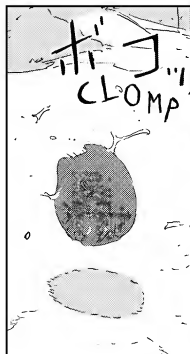
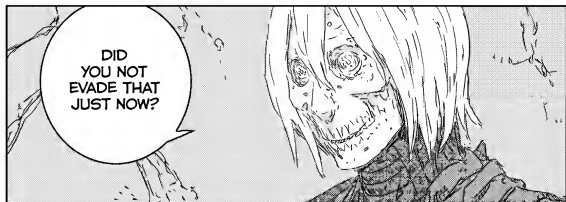
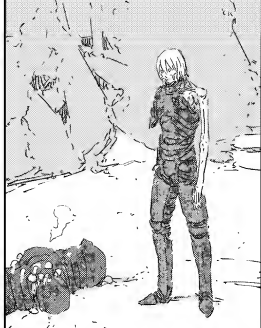


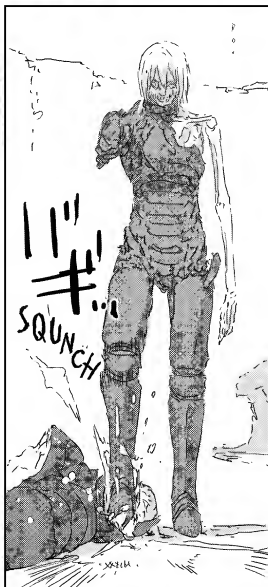


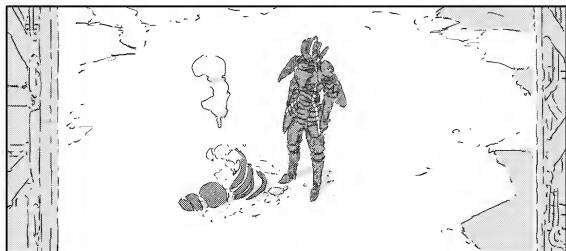
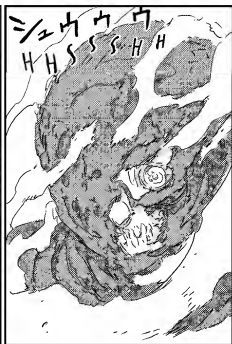
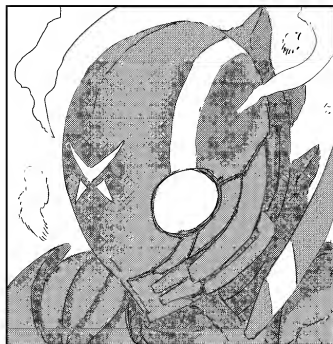
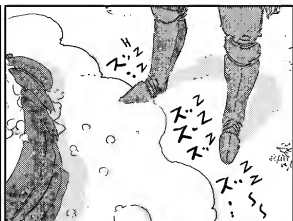
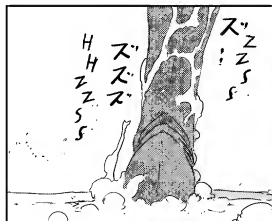


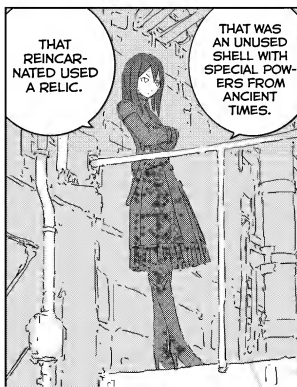
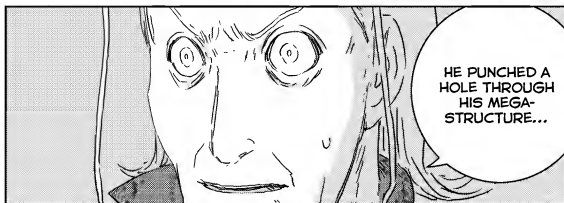
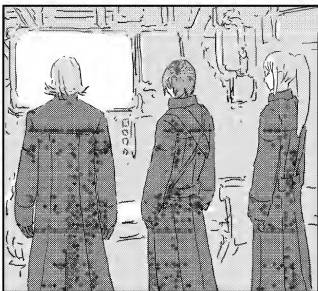






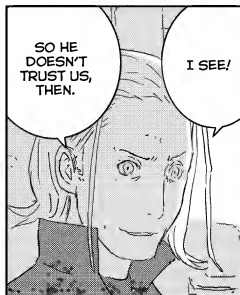


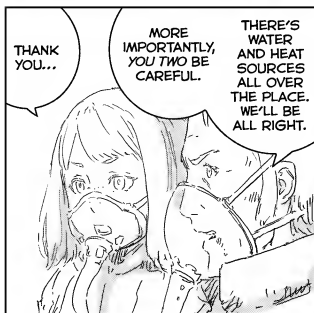
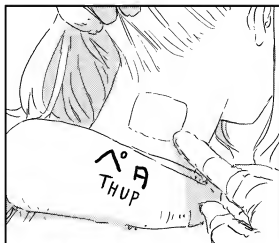




THAT WAS AN UNUSED SHELL WITH SPECIAL POW-ERS FROM ANCIENT TIMES.









IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
USE THEM SO
FLIPPANTLY, YOU
WON'T HAVE ANY
WHEN YOU MOST
NEED THEM.

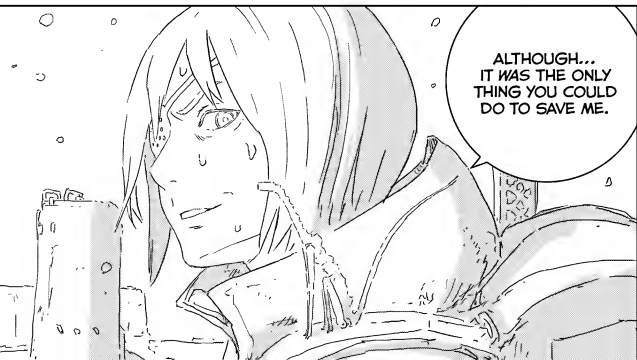
I TOLD
YOU HOW
IMPORTANT
A THING THE
AMBS ARE,
DIDN'T I?



ARE YOU
LISTENING
TO ME?



ALTHOUGH...
IT WAS THE ONLY
THING YOU COULD
DO TO SAVE ME.



AND STARING AT THE PAIR ARE THE HOLLOW EYES OF ONE AFFLICTED WITH THE FRAME DISEASE.

